

JEPHTHA D. HOWE NEARLY BLINDED BY A WOMAN

Chairman of Republican Central Committee Victim of Attempt to Destroy Eyesight.

MAY BE DISFIGURED FOR LIFE

Walks Into Inner Office and After Subdued Conversation Visitor Hurls Acid at Lawyer.

HER MOTIVE NOT ASCERTAINED

**Attorney Declares He Will Not
Prosecute and Refuses to Di-
vulge Name of His As-
sailant, Who Departs
Unmolested.**

Jephtha D. Howe, chairman of the Republican City Central Committee, was the victim of an attempt to blind him.

The identity of the young woman cannot be learned beyond the fact that a

was familiarly known about the office in the Commercial building about a year ago, when in the employ of Mr. Howe, Miss Mamie. No warrant has been asked for at the Four Courts for her arrest. No acid-throwing incident in St. Louis in recent years has caused more general

Both Doctor O. L. Suggett, who made superficial examination of the burns, and Doctor Ross of Leamington, and Toronto,

Howe's eye sight will not be impaired by the burns, but that the effect of the acid was to make the eye more sensitive to light.

As air of mystery surrounds the **father-killer's** identity. Neither the victim of the **caustic** nor his brother, **Arphoso**, who has an office in the **sanctuary**, would reveal the girl's name, though both admitted it was known to them.

evening. She walked into the inner office quickly and closed the door. Those on the outside paid no particular attention to the occurrence beyond observing that the conversation was in subdued tones. Suddenly there was a cry of pain from Mr. Howe. His brother and the new sten-

IDENTITY KEPT SECRET.
She did not wait for the elevator, but hurried to the street and disappeared. It is said she was weeping when she left the building.

A considerable portion of the contents of the bottle, which was carried away by the woman, struck his face near his left eye. Some was spilt about the back of the chair on which Mr. Howe sat and on the wall back of the chair. Some struck the victim's coat sleeve.

So much of the acid was spilled in the thrower's attempt to injure Mr. Hoy that the pungent odor was distinctly noticeable in the outer office of Mr. Howe's suite yesterday.

Some of the tenants of the office who knew the woman describe her as prep-

Alfonso Howe was asked the reason for the girl's leaving the employ of his brother yesterday, but replied that the matter was personal, and something which he was unable to reveal. At

however, that the incident had taken place, but would not give the young woman's name or her present occupation.

**BABE HANDERSON FOUND DEAD
AT HIS HOME IN TEXAS**

**Was Well-Known Southern Democrat
and Played a Prominent Part in
National Politics.**

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Dallas, Tex., Feb. 2.—Private dispatch.

from Sulphur Springs, Tex., announce that J. E. Babes Henderson was found dead at his home in that place to-day.

"Babe" was one of the best-known and most active Democrats in Texas. In 1881 in the Austin convention he aided the committee from Missouri to organize the Commercial council of delegates to the

forces and secured a delegation to the Chicago convention instructed for Dixon Bland for President. Henderson was afterwards a staunch supporter of William E. Bryan, but did as much as any other man to send a Parker delegation from Texas to St. Louis last year. He was one of the original Jim Hogg leaders in the

campaign of 1902. Mr. Henderson was Democratic Presidential Elector last year and was the official messenger who carried the Texas vote to the electoral college in Washington a few weeks ago.

NO SILVER FOR BATTLESHIP

Kansas Senate Defeats Appropriation for New Man-of-War.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 25.—The Senate today voted for Governor Hoch and over \$1,000 to attend the launching in New Jersey.

A section appropriating \$1,000 to purchase a silver service was stricken out.